

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Port Bienville Intermodal Expansion to support Hancock County Port and Harbor in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred and Al Key Rd., Kiln, MS 39556. The funding would be used to create a seven-track classification yard and an intermodal facility for Port Bienville Short Line Railroad. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would reduce congestion along the mainline, reduce congestion of Gentilly Yard, and reduce delivery delays.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress